

The Visitor



Youth Group Food Sale and Car Wash for Summer Camp



Please join us *on Saturday, June 3 from 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.* to enjoy some great food and have the TBC teens wash your car(s)! This is one of their major Fund Raisers for this year so we hope to see you come out and support our youth! All monies received will go toward Youth Summer Camp.



Church School Sunday 2017~ Followed by TBC's Annual Church School Picnic

On Sunday, June 11th, at 10:00 a.m. we will celebrate another very successful Church School year. Our theme for this year's Church School Sunday is "*Jesus Loves Me*".



Make plans to join us for this special worship service, as our Sunday school classes present stories, skits and music related to our theme. In addition, there will also be a time of recognition for our teachers and volunteers who have worked so tirelessly throughout the year.

Following the Church School program will be our annual Church Picnic at New Hartford Sherrillbrook Town Park (Take a left after entering the park - our Pavilion will be on the left after the turn - across from the playground).

Church School Picnic at Sherrillbrook Town Park

Rain or Shine!!

Date: Sunday, June 11, 2017

Time: 11:30 am - ?

Place: Sherrillbrook Town Park, New Hartford



Everyone is invited to attend our annual Church School Picnic following the worship service on June 11, 2017. The Faith Nurturing Team will be providing Hot Dogs, Rolls, Paper plates, silverware and drinks. We will be located in the pavilion across from the playground.

Please bring a dish to share with others, and the grills will be open if you wish to bring your own meat to cook.

We are still in need of people to help with games, cooking, and cleanup - If you can help in any way, please contact either Say Wah Htoo or Karen Dunne.

There will be food, fellowship, games and fun for everyone - we hope you can join us!!



Pastor's Page

During this season with many people busy planting seeds in their gardens, I am reminded of Jesus parable about sowing spiritual seeds in the process of building the Kingdom of God. While thinking about that parable, an old story about a man named Johnny Appleseed came to mind.

Johnny Appleseed's real name was John Chapman and he especially loved apple trees. He planted them all around the town where he lived. However, that was not enough for John, he wanted people everywhere to enjoy apples just as much as he did. So he traveled all around the country planting apple trees and giving away apple seeds.

He was a simple man. One might even say he was an eccentric man. Legend has it that he traveled around the country on foot, often without shoes. He wore a shirt made from a seed sack with holes cut in it for his head and arms. He had a beard and wore a tin cooking pot as a hat. When it came time for supper, he took the pot off his head and cook his supper in it. He was a kind and gentle man who liked everyone he met. Eventually he became well-known and people began to call him Johnny Appleseed.

He was passionate about spreading apple seeds and did not worry about the seeds once he spread them. He seemed to have



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faith that they would develop and grow.

So it was with the sower in Jesus parable. Jesus said, "the Kingdom of God is like a man who scatters seeds on the ground. Night and day whether he is asleep or awake, the seeds sprout and grow. (Mark 4:26-27) Just as Johnny Appleseed and the sower in the parable diligently sowed seeds, I believe the Lord wants us to diligently sow seeds of the "Good News," as we travel on our faith journey. However, there are two other kinds of seeds that I believe the Lord also wants us to sow in our society today, perhaps in preparation for sowing the seeds of the "Good News". They are seeds of love and kindness.

The message of love and the demonstration of love are paramount in Jesus ministry. His great commandment tells us that we should love the Lord our God and love our neighbor as ourselves.

He also taught his disciples that people would know they were his disciples if they loved one another.

One writer commented that" the milk of human kindness has curdled. "In a poll taken by US News and World Report, 89% of people believe that incivility is a serious problem. If anyone should make a difference in spreading kindness, it should be those of us who call ourselves followers of Jesus. The New Testament book of Ephesians reminds us to be "kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven you."

In other words, Let us spread seeds of love and kindness everywhere we go, praying that those seeds will take root and grow, advancing the Kingdom of God.

Pastor Richard



Baptism Service ~ June 4



There will be 12 young people baptized at the **10:00 a.m. service on June 4**. Pastor Richard said this is one of the finest groups of young people he has ever had the privilege of preparing for baptism. He said their understanding of baptism and their commitment to their faith is remarkable. Members of the class include high school sophomores, juniors and seniors as well as one college student. Be sure to attend this special service to support these young people.

Free of Low-cost Health Insurance

On Sunday, June 4 at 2:00 p.m., an MVP Representative will be here at TBC to help individuals enroll, update or recertify for health insurance and answer any questions. Plan on joining us if you are interested or in need of free or low-cost health insurance.

Attention Graduates and College Students!

All college students are eligible to apply for church scholarships - There are two types of Scholarship available:

- **Sterns C. Batley Memorial Fund** - Open to all Tabernacle college students
- **Wayne A. Burlingame Scholarship** - Open to all Tabernacle college students, who are majoring in either Music or Education

Applications for these scholarships are available in the Christian Education office - please see Karen Dunne or Say Wah Htoo.

Deadline for applications is July 2, 2017.

There is additional information available regarding other Scholarships offered through American Baptist Churches USA - See Karen Dunne for this information.



Senior Luncheon at Red Lobster



To make a reservation to attend the Sr. Luncheon at Red Lobster, which will be held **on Sunday, June 25, at 12:30 p.m.**, please call Gwen Deragon at 315-736-6037. **The deadline to have your reservation in is Wednesday, June 21.**

Free Worship Concert

If you are interested in musically participating in ***Worship Concert Utica 2017 on Saturday, June 24, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.***, please contact Pastor Miquel Monsanto at 717-419-9582. This praise and worship concert will be free and open to the public.





"I was hungry and you gave me food... " ~ Matthew 25:35

Dear Friends in Christ:

It is time again for our congregation to receive a very special offering. For many years, each June, Tabernacle Baptist Church has received the **One Great Hour of Sharing**(OGHS) offering. Through this special offering, we are given the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in need around the world and participate in the many ministries that serve the hungry, the poor, the distressed and the refugees.

The offering theme this year is "**You are Here.**" The Scriptures for the special offering (Matthew 25:31-46 and 1 John 3:11-24) remind us that God is near; love one another in truth and action; feed those who are hungry, clothe those who are naked, welcome those who are strangers.

By the simple statement "**You are Here**", we glorify God's faithful presence, affirm that Christ is uniquely present in those whom we serve, and celebrate how we are here for our neighbors in their time of need. **One Great Hour of Sharing** is present for people near and far in moments of crisis and calm because of your partnership and generosity.

You are Here – in Nicaragua, where women are given the training and tools to cultivate home gardens to provide nutritious food for their families.

You are Here – in West Virginia where communities rebuild after flooding claims lives and livelihoods.

You are Here – in Lebanon, Hungary, Mexico, the United States and elsewhere around the world, where refugees are receiving food, water and medicine with dignity, as our partners offer aid and accompaniment.

In times of loss or struggle, after a fire or flood, and when communities struggle to overcome the chronic absence of water, food or economic opportunities, the church is present through the work of **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Through your gifts, **You are Here**.

Our congregation's **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering goal is \$2500. I encourage you to use the enclosed OGHS offering envelope to give generously to the special offering that shares God's love with our most vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you for prayerfully considering your gift to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Richard D Burke, Interim Pastor
On behalf of the Witness and Worship Ministry Team

World Refugee Day

Saturday, June 17

**Utica City Hall
Hanna Park
12pm – 4pm**

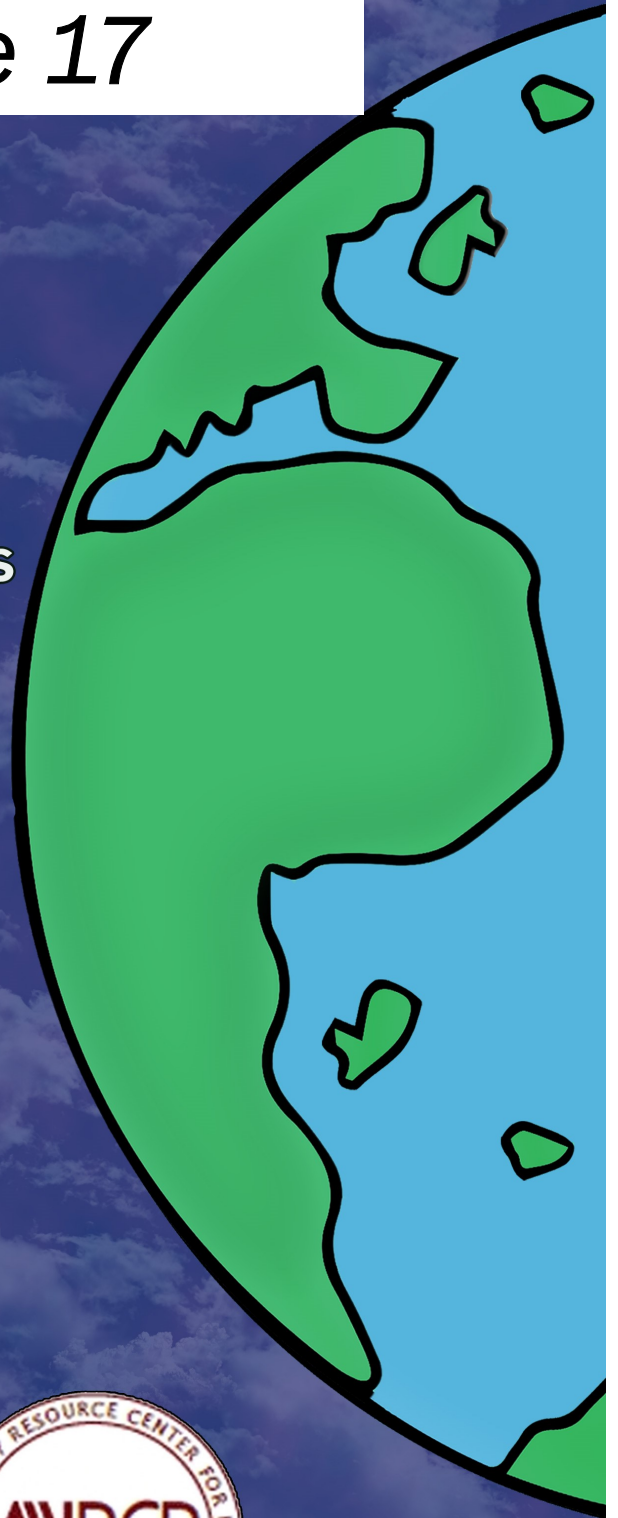
**Let's celebrate and honor
Utica's refugees and refugees
worldwide!**

**Join Us For a
Citizenship Ceremony at 12:30**

Other Activities Include:

- **International Fashion Show**
- **Musical and Dance Performances**
- **Food Vendors**
- **Children's Activities**

**A Special Thank You To Our
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Congratulations Isabella Htoo and Lay Lay Mar!




Two Tabernacle Baptist Church young people, Lay Lay Mar and Isabella Moo were named "Teen All-Stars" by the Utica Observer-Dispatch. Along with 23 other area students, they were chosen from nearly 100 nominees representing several schools in Oneida, Herkimer, Otsego and Madison Counties. Lay Lay and Isabella are both seniors at Thomas R. Proctor High School.

Surrounded by family, friends, teachers and mentors, they were honored during a breakfast at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitestown on May 23. Each of the "Teen All-Stars" were presented with a trophy, certificate and a \$275.00 check. *Congratulations, Lay Lay and Isabella! Not only are we proud of you for receiving this outstanding award but also for your faithful service to the Lord here at Tabernacle Baptist Church.*

Thank you from the Office: I would like to say thank you to the group of Karen volunteers who help to assemble the Visitors for mailing. On those days, you also help stuff the completed bulletins. You saved me hours of work that I was able to put into other projects. I am so grateful. ~ Tammy






In Loving Memory of

Victor Ket

Dec. 28, 1947 – April 29, 2017





Ku Thay, Marilyn Hess, Jean Marie Glatt, Htoo Paw Ley, Matt Walter, Ehdoh So Victor and family, Sally Riesenberger, Elsie Olsen, Rosemary Gagnon, Wilbert "Bill" Roberts, Kevin Baum, Carl Beyer and Philip Dubyna. Please pray for refugees from Syria, the Karen people in refugee camps, and internally displaced persons within Burma.

<p>Meaningful Messages for Today</p> 	<p>June 4 Baptism Sunday John 20: 19-23</p>	<p>June 11 Christian Ed. Sunday & Church Picnic</p>	 <p>Sunday, June 18</p>
	<p>June 18 Second Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 9:35-10:8</p>	<p>June 25 Third Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 10:24-29</p>	



Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines

<i>Karen Women's Group Prayer and Bible Study</i>	<i>Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Karen Choir Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Language Class</i>	<i>Saturdays, 4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Praise and Worship Team Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Meeting</i>	<i>Saturdays, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>English Worship Service and Sunday School</i>	<i>Sundays, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Karen Worship Service</i>	<i>Sundays, 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>Sundays, 4:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Lifetouch Pictorial Photoshoots</i>	<i>June 2&3</i>
<i>Youth Food Sale and Car Wash for Summer Camp</i>	<i>Saturday, June 3, 8:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Church Cleaning Day</i>	<i>Saturday, June 3, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Baptism Sunday</i>	<i>June 4, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Worship and Witness Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, June 4, 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Faith Nurturing Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, June 4, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>MVP Medicaid Update, Sign-up, and Recertification</i>	<i>Sunday, June 4, 2:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Caring Corner</i>	<i>Saturday, June 10, 7:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Church School Sunday</i>	<i>June 11, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Church School Picnic at Sherrillbrook Park</i>	<i>Sunday, June 11, 12:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Father's Day</i>	<i>Sunday, June 18</i>
<i>Visitor Article Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, June 18</i>
<i>Graduation Recognition Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday, June 18, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Ministry Coordinating Council Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, June 18, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, June 18, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>First Day of Summer (Summer Solstice)</i>	<i>Wednesday, June 21</i>
<i>Senior Luncheon</i>	<i>Sunday, June 25, 12:30 p.m.</i>





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**Tabernacle Baptist Church
Sunday Worship**

10:00 a.m. English Service
11:15 a.m. Karen Worship

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Closed on Fridays

**In Case of
Emergency,
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Rev. Dr. James V. Davison	Pastor Emeritus
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